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'ROUNABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

The Ozark region will have a wonderful fruit crop this year, judging from present indications.

In a single day last week El Dorado Springs merchants paid farmers \$2300 for eggs marketed there.

Twenty-three tax dodging cases will be called for trial at the adjourned term of court to be held at Salisbury next week.

The state treasury of Missouri showed a balance of \$7,280, 571.07 at the close of business March 31st, which was a record breaker.

In addition to the ordinary discomfort of prison life the inmates of the Boone county jail recently were serenaded by a local male quartet.

The Rockport cannery will put up only corn this year. The management has announced that the yield of two hundred acres will be contracted.

The sheriff of Johnson county went after "Buz" Glenn, a Centerville negro charged with bootlegging, but arrived just ten minutes after Buz had been kicked senseless by a mule.

A long man and a short man went to Armstrong recently and bought some soap and soda. The next day they were selling Armstrong women a rug cleaning compound at \$1 a box.

On complaint of a Boone county farmer a Columbia barber named Shears was arrested on a charge of "cutting up" on the street. The farmer says Shears helped trip him in a fight.

Kansas City did not have a double hanging on April 9th. Governor Major intervened Friday and commuted the death sentence of John Tatman and Samuel Sherman, to life imprisonment.

J. H. Hunt of Craig is the possessor of a coin which numismatists tell him was current about 250 years B. C. The coin is crudely stamped of bronze and bears a base relief of one of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

No more "fly times" for Moberly if the Civic Health League has its way. The members have begun in earnest the campaign for fly swatting and will pay school children for all flies killed this month.

In a letter the Sheridan Advancer T. C. Tibbles says he sold alfalfa to the amount of \$96.72 off of one acre last year. He cut it five times and got a total of over eight tons which he sold for \$12 per ton.

With \$3,000 in its treasury, the Cape Girardeau Commercial Club has more than five hundred members and never has failed to lend financial assistance to any church or good roads enterprise in the county.

Missouri state and private banks and trust companies increased their resources between October, 1914, and March 4, 1915, approximately 20 million dollars. Loans and discounts decreased \$3,748,300, and sight exchange increased \$25,886,430; capital increased \$1,400,825; surplus and undivided profits increased \$2,106,998; deposits increased \$15,446,080; bills payable decreased \$3,015,823.

A Lafayette county farmer was blowing out stumps with dynamite. When one charge failed to explode he looked for it with a match. He will not continue the work until the bone in his left leg knits.

At Brookfield when a showman's bear became hungry he led the animal to the kitchen of a local hotel. A negro dishwasher fled, but the chef is a man of such stable nerve that he fed the bear from his bare hands.

Albert Newson, a fireman on the Wabash, was killed recently at Conception Junction when the pile driver on which he was working, turned over, crushing his life out. The accident was caused by a low joint in the track.

Mrs. C. E. Smith was elected county school superintendent of Stoddard county at the election last week. She has taught in the schools of that county for almost thirty years, and is eminently well qualified for the position.

While dynamiting stumps on the Chester Hitz farm north of Oregon, Roger Turner, an Oregon druggist, was instantly killed. It is not known positively how the accident occurred but it is believed that a premature explosion caused his death.

Those who bought a bale of cotton at \$50 last fall in order to help the small cotton grower, have profited \$1.50 on their investment, it was announced by the committee in charge of the movement recently. The profit is due to an upturn in the cotton market.

The City Council of Caruthersville recently adopted ordinances which virtually puts the Sunday lid on everything in that city, except hotels and restaurants. Picture shows and ice cream parlors are closed and the sale of cigars, tobacco, newspapers and periodicals prohibited.

A Jefferson City garage observed All Fools' Day by sending out about 250 fake statements of account. In each instance the items totaled \$0.00 but some of the recipients grew angry before reading that far. The garage folks were seeking publicity, and are satisfied with the returns.

Last week a milk cow belonging to Mr. Rogers, living west of Bethany, devoured 21.2 pounds of Horse Shoe and Star tobacco, and died three days later. Mr. Rogers had left three pounds of tobacco at the barn and the cow got away with all of it but one half pound. A veterinarian was called but could do nothing to save the cow. The old heifer should have been more moderate in the use of the nasty weed.

D. E. McArthur, a farmer near Billingsville, Cooper county, has received a check for \$454.37 in payment for a carload of corn cobs which he shipped to a corn cob pipe factory at Washington, Mo. There were ten wagon loads in the lot, the number of cobs being estimated at about 100,000. The cobs were produced on 35 acres of land. Mr. McArthur remarks: "This is a paying by-crop, especially in a dry and Democratic year, when the farmer is losing money like the railroad, but is not making quite so much of a howl about it."

Bradford Barr, who lives north of Mexico, knows more about goats than he did. Mr. Barr's education along this line, however cost him five teeth and a broken nose. He got on the firing line of a belligerent billy goat and was butted in the face.

Married on Easter Sunday fifty-seven years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Woodworth of Maryville in celebrating the anniversary last week, called attention to the fact that this year was the first since then that the day and date were the same.

There is no moral about betting on elections appended to the story that William Webster of Laredo lost \$87 election day. The money was concealed in three places about his house and when Mr. Webster went to vote some thief or thieves got busy.

An unusual record is that of J. E. J. Lytle, 70 years old and a train dispatcher at Moberly. M. Lytle has been an operator fifty-five years, has never been held responsible for a train wreck nor has he been in any court on a suit based on a railroad accident.

Business is good at Higginsville, according to the Jeffersonian, which relates that Irving Herd traded a buggy for a motor cycle, traded the buzz wagon for a mare, fell off the mare and broke a rib, and the mare for seven hogs and sold the hogs to his father for \$20.

Charles Nadler, a Lafayette county farmer, took an expensive smoke the other day. Ashes from his pipe ignited hay in one of his barns and the wind soon fanned the flames beyond control. The loss included two barns, a corn crib, one calf, ten tons of hay, 150 bushels of corn and many farming implements.

The experience of two Odesa boys is a valuable contribution to ground hog lore. Along about the middle of March they found what they thought to be a fox den in a hill side. Digging in they rustled out two fat ground hogs still snoozing. They gave the pair to a negro who converted them into pure "pork" sausage.

The Tarkio Avian she recalls the fact that nearly thirty years ago a man came to Tarkio and built a machine designed to fly. The contraption was constructed of wood and canvas and came so near flying then that when placed on the scales it weighed less when running than when the mechanism was still. Village wise men then scoffed at the inventor and at the idea of "trying to lift oneself by his boot straps."

Last Saturday afternoon a young boy named Stallions, aged about 14 years, was almost instantly killed by a falling tree while clearing new ground near Braggadocio. He, in company with his father, was in the field and had set several dead tree afire, and while gathering up brush near one of them it fell, crushing the young fellow so badly that death followed within a short while. — Caruthersville Democrat.

The name which the late Frank James received at his christening was Alexander Franklin James. His brother was christened Jesse Woodson James. Both these, with the dates of birth, January 10, 1843, for Frank and September 5, 1847, for Jesse, were written in the family bible by Rev. Robert James, their father, who was a pioneer Baptist minister of Clay county. The father died soon after joining the rush of the forty niners to California, and the boys were brought up by their mother.

Large Profits From Missouri Orchards.

A profit of \$161.00 an acre from apples is an exceptionally good showing. One farmer made that in 1913 but increased it to \$300.00 an acre in 1914. This was not on western fruit lands either. These profits were made in Missouri by a Missouri farmer working under the direction of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station. The full details are given in Bulletin 124, "Profits from Spraying Missouri Orchards" which has just been issued by the Station.

In 1913 as a result of an appropriation made by the 47th General Assembly the University of Missouri started co-operative spraying experiments with several Missouri orchardists. The work was somewhat limited during this season because of the funds becoming available late in the spraying season. Some work was started however and the orchard mentioned above was one of these. The first season the owner received an income of \$6.35 an acre on his unsprayed trees and a profit due to spraying of \$161.13 an acre on his sprayed trees.

The spraying was continued in this orchard in 1914 and it was in the season just past that over \$300.00 an acre were made. This increase was due to very effective spraying and shows the possibilities in good spraying. This is an example of only one of the orchards sprayed.

During 1914 twenty five orchards were sprayed under the supervision of the University. More than 250 people were taught how to spray. The average profit per acre due to spraying for the twenty-five orchards was \$143.03. The value of the fruit from unsprayed trees, averaged \$18.05 an acre. The name of the owner and the location of every orchard where co-operative spraying was done, together with full information regarding the details of how each orchard was sprayed is given in the bulletin mentioned. It is just off the press and free to those who write for it. Address the Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Missouri.

Blind Cultivation.

Just as soon as corn is planted, begin to cultivate. Don't wait for weeds and grass to appear, or for a rain, but go on the field with the peg tooth harrow before the corn is up and stir the surface of the ground. If the land was properly prepared before planting, the harrow should be the only tool needed until the corn is high enough to cultivate. The custom of rolling is not to be recommended. The seed bed should be prepared before the corn is planted and not after it is up. The roller too often only presses the clods down in the ground out of sight where they help to bring the capillary water to the surface. Whether we have a drought or not we cannot afford to loose any moisture from the soil.

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When the electric lights at Rockport "blink" folks know they must hurry, unless they want to go to bed in the dark. A runaway team smashed a light pole the other evening and sent the town to dreamland an hour earlier.

Early Hatching Pays.

BY H. L. KEMPSTER.

The poultry keeper who expects to get eggs next winter must have his chickens hatch early this spring. It requires from five to seven months for a three to five pound hen to mature so that she will lay. The hen of the heavier breeds such as Rocks, Reds, Wyandottes etc., weighing from five to eight pounds each require from one to three months longer. This is based on the assumption that the chicks are kept growing well during the summer months. The Missouri farmer loses large profits from winter eggs because he does not give his young stock sufficient time to mature before winter sets in. This prevents his flock being productive during the winter months.

Unless a pullet is laying in December it is practically impossible for her to lay much until February according to experiments at the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station. This shows the necessity of hatching early. If the hatch is completed by May 15th there remains but seven months in which to mature the pullets. If winter eggs are expected, the hatch should be completed before that time. Egg records show that early laying pullets—November and December—are the ones that make the high egg yields and also lay eggs at the time of the year when the price is the highest.

Early hatching is important, not only from the standpoint of next year's egg yield but also because the early hatched chick comes from stronger eggs, and the chicks get a start before the extreme hot weather arrives. For these two reasons the poultry keeper should exert every energy to get off the hatch as soon as possible.

Missouri Made.

"Missouri-made" has won again in the farm folks bulletin, "Household Arts," just issued by the Board of Agriculture in the interest of the maids and matrons of this good state. It is written by Miss Bab Bell, woman's lecturer and Homemakers' Club organizer of the Board.

The demand for this handbook on the household arts is rapidly consuming the supply. Free copies by mail to any country woman in Missouri on request to the State Board of Agriculture, Agriculture Building, Columbia, Mo.

"Dollar Bill" a Chillicothe "bad man" is again in circulation. Convicted on a charge of common assault he had been retired for a period to end April 30. He was made a jail trusty and while doing some work about the premises the other day he forgot to come back to the lockup.

A number of boarders at the hotel became violently ill Wednesday night supposedly due to ptomaine poisoning caused by eating head cheese served at supper that evening. W. A. Parney and J. H. Hackett were the two most effected and it was necessary to secure prompt medical attention for them, both being in a rather serious condition for several hours. It is thought that a little Paris green or other foreign substance in the sage, which was used to season the head cheese, was the cause of the poisoning.—Van Buren Current Local.

If you want to borrow money on long time and easy payments see Geo. D. Sloan, Doniphan, Mo.

TO DEFEND GIRLS IN COURT

Chicago Women Lawyers Agree to Appear in Behalf of Destitute Defendants.

Chicago, April 12.—Sixty women lawyers of Chicago have placed themselves at the disposal of Judge Arnold C. Hoop of the municipal morals court, who is privileged to call on any of them to defend girls brought before him. They met and organized the Public Defenders League for destitute girls.

The plan to defend penniless girls brought into the morals court took form rapidly after the organization of the Public Defenders League April 8, when many Chicago lawyers, at the behest of Judge Harry Dolan of the boy's branch of the municipal court, agreed to defend poor boys brought before Judge Dolan.

MAN, SLAIN, FOUND IN RIVER

Discovered With His Hands and Feet Tied—Disappeared From Home on December 6.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 12.—The body of Wallace Z. Hogan, who left his home in North Chattanooga Dec. 6, for a skiff ride on the Tennessee river, was found in the river with the hands and feet securely tied. The body was found by E. P. Hamby, who was in a skiff.

Canal Earned \$580,784 in March.

Panama, April 12.—The earnings of the Panama canal in March were the largest of any month since it was opened. This exceeded by about \$140,000 the previous record, made in January. March earnings were \$580,784. The receipts in January were \$419,037.

Czar Decorates French Soldiers.

Paris, April 14.—Decorations have been conferred by the emperor of Russia upon 51 French officers, 500 noncommissioned officers and 793 soldiers.

Plasterers' Strike Called Off.

Chicago, April 14.—Three thousand union plasterers, who have been on a strike since March 24, returned to work after a lockout had been threatened by the employers.

ROCKEFELLER CAR HITS BOY

Financier Had Laid Taken to Hospital and Given Up Trip to West Point.

Tarrytown, N. Y., April 12.—While John D. Rockefeller and a party of friends were going to West Point in Rockefeller automobile the machine struck George Edgar, 12 years old, on the Bedford road in North Tarrytown. Rockefeller had the car stopped and ordered his chauffeur and two trained nurses in his party to take the boy to the nearest physician's, who ordered him removed to a hospital. There it was said the boy suffered from serious bruises and cuts.

Playmates who were with the boy said he ran in the way of the car, which was not going fast. Rockefeller abandoned the trip to West Point and returned to his home here.

NO CHANGE IN TOBACCO BILL

England's Total Annual Expenditure \$168,000,000, or \$3.85 for Every Man, Woman and Child.

London, April 12.—Although there has been much complaint about lack of employment for workers in the tobacco trades, the national expenditure for tobacco shows practically no diminution.

Great Britain's annual tobacco bill now amounts to \$3.85 for every man, woman and child, a total for the nation of \$168,000,000.

Twenty per cent of the persons normally employed in the tobacco trades in England are out of work at present, according to the labor union officials.

Berlin, April 14.—German aviators have showered bombs upon the towns of Poperinghe, Hazebrouk and Rosnel in Northern France, all occupied by the British, according to an official statement from the war office. The extent of the damage is unknown.

State Normal Regent Resigns.

Springfield, Mo., April 14.—The resignation of E. V. Foster of Nevada as a member of the board of regents of the fourth district state normal school at Springfield, was announced here. He will become a member of the faculty.

Whooping Cough

Well—everyone knows the effect of Pine Foresta on Coughs. Dr. Hall's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough loosens the mucous, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c at your Druggist. Electric Bitters a Spring Tonic.